Alec Soth

Dog Days Bogotá

Steidl

Pao Yue-kong Library
PolyU · Hong Kong

TR
655
.S674
2007

My wife and I adopted our baby girl, Carmen Laura, from Bogotá, Colombia. While the courts processed her paperwork, we spent two months in Bogotá waiting to take Carmen home.

Carmen's birthmother gave her a book filled with letters, pictures and poems. "I hope that the hardness of the world will not hurt your sensitivity," she wrote, "When I think about you I hope that your life is full of beautiful things."

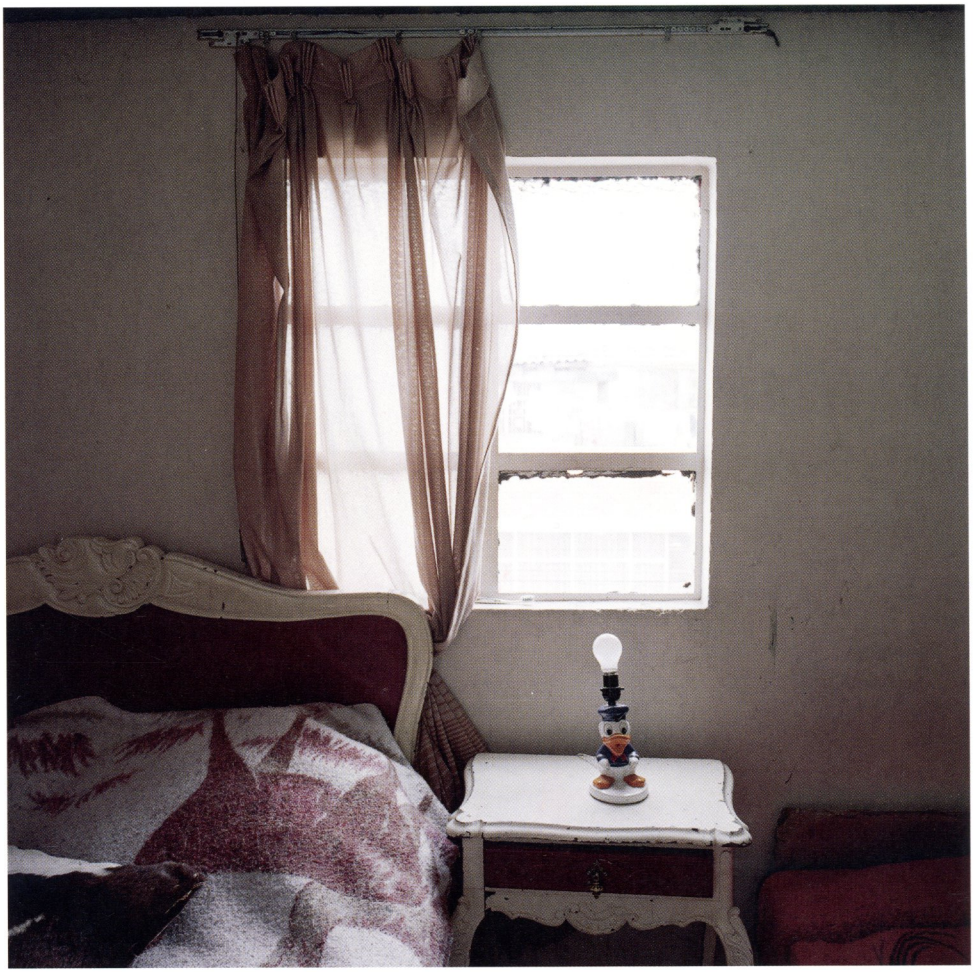
With those words as a mission statement, I began making my own book for Carmen. In photographing the city of her birth, I hope I've described some of the beauty in this hard place.

ALCOHÓLICOS
ANONIMOS
LUN MAR JUE SAB

REFRESCOS BAVARIA

Aeronautica

10 • JUDICIAL
TOTALMENTE DESTRUIDO
¡Terror y



RIOS
DO
1-31

¿Qué sólo voy a parquear cinco minutos?
¿En dónde NO se puede parquear?
¿Y dónde más?
Pero si la Ley no la termina de convencer, entonces, ¡hágalo por SEGURIDAD..!
Recuerde:
¿No le parecen suficientes razones?
Más movilidad, más tiempo para usted...!

Many of the pictures in this book were taken on Cerro de Monserrate. On Sundays thousands of pilgrims climb a steep path—some on hands and knees—to the mountain's summit where they give thanks to El Señor Caído (fallen Lord) for their blessings.

This book is the product of countless blessings. It could never have been made without the help of a long list of friends and strangers. Forgive me for not naming you here, but please know that I am grateful.

I want to thank one woman in particular. In December 2002, a nurse at an orphanage walked into the office and placed a baby girl in my wife's arms. Though we were never granted the opportunity to meet the birthmother, not a day goes by where we aren't grateful for her gift. In a world that is so often marked by man's cruelty, this woman acted with selfless love.

Thank you.

First edition 2007. Copyright © 2007 for all photographs Alec Soth. Copyright © 2007 for this edition Steidl Publishers. Book design and layout: Alec Soth, Gerhard Steidl, Jonas Wettre. Scans by Alec Soth and Steidl. Production and printing: Steidl, Göttingen. Steidl, Düstere Str. 4, D–37073 Göttingen. Phone +49 551-49 60 60 Fax +49 551-49 60 649. E-mail: mail@steidl.de / www.steidlville.com / www.steidl.de ISBN 978-3-86521-451-5. Printed in Germany

PolyU - Pao Yue-kong Library
0000815416953

ISBN 978-3-86521-451-5
9 783865 214515
Printed in Germany